

Canaways Creek Community Group Steering Group Meeting

10.00am Thursday January 18, 2007

Attendance

Name	Phone	Email	Present
Heather Chaplin			
Barbara Poynter			
Libby Chaplin			Apologies
Philip Sansom			
Dale Chaplin			
Rod Hill			
Sandra Roberts			
Brett Warren			

Proposed Agenda Items

Item
1) Introductions
2) Agreement of the Agenda items for meeting with Forestry Tasmania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review or previous meeting notes and actions • Presentation of the draft Forest Practices Plan • Review of the CCCG Statement of Objectives and checklist • Review of website images
3) Other business and actions arising
4) Next meeting

Actions arising

Action	Responsibility	Due
Rod will send emails to HC for group emailing	Rod Hill	
Events to be organized through HC and BP	Rod Hill	
BW will contact Lady Baron Water Quality contact at Hobart Water about how they determine cut off point on water quality instruments and methods	Brett warren	By next meeting
Rod will go to Newbury Ck to see for himself and verify D Tuckers 'finding'.	Rod Hill	By next meeting
BW Offered a Field Day to see cable logging in action and aggregated retention use.	Brett Warren	After Anzac Day. 2 nd week in May 2007?
Brett will go and have a look at the sawmill site Phil Sansom pointed out for inclusion as an historic site.	Brett Warren	By next meeting
Schedules are separate docs from FPP. RH agreed to provide a harvesting and roading schedule to us at the next meeting	Rod Hill	Next Meeting May 2007
Next meeting: 2 nd week in May. We will come back with a date	Dale Chaplin	

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Notes

1. Rod will talk with Libby Chaplin about clarifying previous meeting notes. Some names wrong. We reviewed his notes on agreements made at the last meeting and they were finally followed through today.

Presentation by Sandra Roberts regarding turbidity monitoring being carried out in the catchment: Drinking water currently has a median of 3.4 – 3.8 units. Acceptable standard is 5.0 u. Max turbidity rates: Control 317.696 Treatment 282.302 from June to Nov. 2007. Reports 75% of the time water in the catchment is within guidelines for drinking water, 25% of time it has a slightly higher sediment content.

5 Water quality during and after logging.

6 Lou's creek: David Tucker said – stump problem. Barb said no way. Rod said he would go and have a look.

7 CCCG involvement in planning. Rod said the process we are going through is the involvement.

8 Status of the snail from Canaways creek reserve was clarified. It is a common snail found in the area.

9 F/T Guarantee water quality? RH said there can be no guarantee

10 Special Values. Brett Warren re-advising FPA of proposed operations. Only including any changes e.g. Nests?

Asked what is the area of the catchment? BW - Headways in Maydena range 1100hectares, 100 of that is private.

BW will contact Lady Baron Water Quality contact at Hobart Water about how they determine cut off point on water quality instruments and methods

12 mths monitoring will occur. No roading until summer - Nov 2007. Harvesting after that.

Route and roading

Cable logging: Method is called swing yarder, 70ft or 90ft tower. Bernard Plumpton cable expert, also David White from Canada. John Gowland engineered the road through Tyenna 5. Peter McIntosh (FPA specialist) signs off. Involved with St Marys and Scamander logging operations.

Contractors are 'tied up' with 5 yr contracts, certain amount to supply per year, for continuity, linked to other contractual arrangements. Customers have set volume F/T (Contractor) has to supply.

First operation will be cable logging and burning steeper slopes

BW Offered field day to see operating cable logging and aggregated retention use.

Only chemicals planned to be used are Nitrates to blow rocks for the road or dangerous trees.

Turbidity and rainfall monitoring will continue. FPA also audits 15% of coups for various compliance standards.

When asked what time separation would be between logging this catchments coups RH replied F/T 3 Year Plan is a public doc. And available on F/T website.

Reports behind the Special Values Reports will be provided but not available too take away as F/T pay specialists for it. We can see them at the next meeting.

4 monthly meetings? RH said communications are ongoing but gave no actual commitment.

RH reiterated field day held on 14/12/06. The group saw very high road side batters requiring trucks to carry soil out of the area when the road is being constructed. Batter angle will need double batter.

Class 4 guidelines:

Prescriptions of Erosion & SP

Will endeavour to protect old benching, etc.

BW said: There has been no specific soil assessment done. Some has been done but not specifically for this place.

PS – There is complex faulting in the area. Moderate high to high erodability. BW said soil specialist Mr

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McIntosh (Peter specialist from FPA?) is involved

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3D model of the visual impacts

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CCCG questions to Rod Hill and Brett Warren:

Q: What geological surveys have been done of the catchment area?

A: BW said None. F/T people had walked across the catchment and decided an access road from Casson's Rd would be too difficult to construct. Therefore F/T have chosen the Canaways Creek crossing option which will require 7 creek crossings to access all the coupes proposed to be de-logged.

Q: What will be the impact of water diversion in the catchment?

A: BW thinks there will be little water diversion issue as eucalypts will be re-planted.

Q: Can we have Machinery Exclusion Zones with NO harvesting in the zone?

A: No we can't. Machine Operators are allowed to reach in and harvest exclusion zones as long as they don't enter it.

Q: Does F/T factor in the cost of log trucks degrading the Gordon River Road?

A: No, road maintenance is carried out by Department of Construction

Q: Will f/T do costing for prefab bridge construction, please, to reduce disturbance to residents and landowners, as Canaways Creek provides domestic water supply.

A: Bruce Rayner is F/T's main road engineer. It is his decision. Rod Hill reported he thought the cost would be too expensive, he feels a 3ft culvert will suffice.

Q: There have been problems with pathogen transmission on the east coast e.g. Phytothera. What will F/T do to reduce risk to this area.

A: B Warren reports very little chance of a problem. Too wet for Phytothera.

Q: What does the # symbol refer to on the nest ref. sheet? E.g. metres from the centre point? I pointed out, if the number is a measurement in metres, from our calculation, there are 3 nests within the coup boundary.

A: BW said it is a nest no. not a measurement.

Q: What use will Coup TN 026C timber be going to?

A: 20% peelers to Gunns Taann peeler mill, 40% to Southwood, 40% to Norske because it's regnans, very little to chips

Time ran out.

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